

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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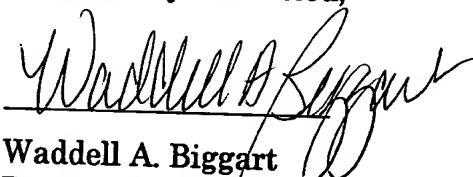
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C base material and the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material is at least 90 wt % based on the particles in the range of 10-350 ^{um} ~~in~~.

45. A powdery composition for nasal administration described ⁱⁿ claim 41, wherein average particle diameters of the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material and the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material is at least 90 wt % based on the particles in the range of 10-350 ^{um} ~~in~~.

REMARKS

The amendments made to the claims and the specification are believed to be supported in the application as filed. Accordingly, they do not constitute new matter and entry is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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